



As we wrap up another incredible academic year, our campus feels more vibrant than ever! Our halls and vistas are bustling with activity, our building projects are moving forward, and new enrichment programs are expanding all over campus. I want to take a moment to say a special thank you to all of the staff for doing the things they do every day to enable these wonderful things to happen in support of our academic mission and goals.

Following you can see some of the things that are currently happening on campus:

2013-15 Biennium close: Fiscal and Audit Services is preparing for the 2013-15 Biennium Close which will occur on June 30th. If you would like to learn more about biennium close, the systems impacted, and other important information please go to the [Biennium Close](#) page. Or, you can contact Kendra Yoshimoto at kyoshi@uw.edu.

FY2016 Operating Budget: We are in the final stages of the budget process, and I appreciate all of the suggestions thus far. In an effort to finalize the FY2016 operating budget, the Chancellor's Office recently sent a call out for feedback on the proposed budget and request comments to be sent to uwbchlr@uw.edu by June 5th.

Proposed 2015 Merit Increases: Interim Provost Gerald Baldasty sent a message to administrators on May 18th regarding merit adjustments. Provost Baldasty stated, "2015 Legislature will not pass a final compromise budget by the end of this first special session (scheduled to conclude on May 28, 2015) and that a second special session will likely be necessary. We will now plan on implementing merit increases on September 1, 2015." I will continue to keep you updated on the progress as it comes in.

I would like to encourage everyone to complete performance reviews for your staff. If you have questions concerning performance reviews please contact HR at uwb-hr@uw.edu.

Campus Fire drills: Darren Branum, the Emergency Preparedness Manager conducted a fire drill on May 19th in UW2 and Discovery Hall buildings. These fire drills were the first of many that will occur periodically throughout the year. The drills will be conducted two buildings at a time. Darren will send out additional information in the near future.

ARC Progress: The Activities & Recreation Center (ARC) is on target for completion Summer Quarter 2015. We anticipate occupancy of UW Bothell and Cascadia College students and staff in time to open the building and welcome students back to campus Fall Quarter 2015.

Highlights from the Commuter Services Task Force

- The Task Force recommended *not* to raise the parking fees for 2015-16 academic year
- Installed 12 new parking pay stations
- Proposed and received approval for a new surface parking lot that will be located at the corner of NE 180th Street and 110th Avenue NE (adjacent to the Truly House). The parking lot will provide 143 additional stalls to the campus
- As part of the students recommendations to increase safety, trees and shrubs were trimmed back to enhance lighting in the parking structures
- Plans are being developed to install additional sidewalk lighting
- The Task Force is conducting a study on Parking Availability Applications

As always, I welcome any feedback you may have regarding campus operations. Please do not hesitate to stop by my office or contact me at karaman@uw.edu.

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